

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Bruce Anthony and Nancy Ellen von Herrmann,

Complainants,

vs.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company,

Defendant.

Case 03-07-047
(Filed July 30, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
CLARIFYING THAT PARTIES ARE TO MEET AND CONFER AND THAT
THE PREHEARING CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED**

On September 17, 2003, I issued an Administrative Law Judge's Ruling scheduling a Prehearing Conference (PHC) in the above captioned complaint for October 8, 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Commission's San Francisco Courtroom and requiring Bruce Anthony and Nancy Ellen von Herrmann (von Herrmann) and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to meet and confer in advance of the PHC. On September 25, 2003, PG&E filed its answer to the von Herrmanns' complaint and requested that the Commission issue a draft decision dismissing the complaint and cancel the PHC. PG&E also indicated that in light of its request it would be inappropriate for the parties to proceed with any "meet and confer" on the issues specified in my ruling.

Commissioner Geoffrey Brown and myself are not convinced that PG&E's recommended disposition of the complaint is justified at this time. Therefore, my

ruling of September 17, 2003, stands: the PHC is scheduled for October 8, 2003, at 10 a.m., and PG&E is to initiate a meet-and-confer in conformity with my previous ruling. Either a joint case management statement, or a settlement, is due to the Commission by close of business on October 6, 2003. If a settlement is received, the PHC will be taken off calendar.

Parties should discuss a proposed schedule for evidentiary hearings and the service of prepared testimony if settlement is not forthcoming.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated September 30, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CAROL A. BROWN

Carol A. Brown
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Clarifying That Parties Are to Meet and Confer and That The Prehearing Conference Will Take Place as Scheduled on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated September 30, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

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